

## **REMARKS**

### **Status of claims**

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are pending, of which claims 1 and 5 are independent. Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter of claims 3 and 7 if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of original claims 3 and 7, respectively. Claims 3 and 7 have been amended. Claims 2, 4, 6, and 8-22 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

### **Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 14-15, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully submit that since these claims have been cancelled, the rejection of these claims is now moot.

### **Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 1 and 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Igarashi (JP 04-129407).

Applicants respectfully submit that since claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of original allowable claim 3, claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Further, since none of the cited references disclose or suggest the use of MOS transistors, amended claim 3 is also patentable over the cited references.

**Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 5, 17, 19 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Igarashi and in view of Tanaka (JP 09-069730).

Applicants respectfully submit that since claim 5 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of original allowable claim 7, claim 5 is patentable over the cited references. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Further, since none of the cited references disclose or suggest the use of MOS transistors, amended claim 7 is also patentable over the cited references.

### **Conclusion**

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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